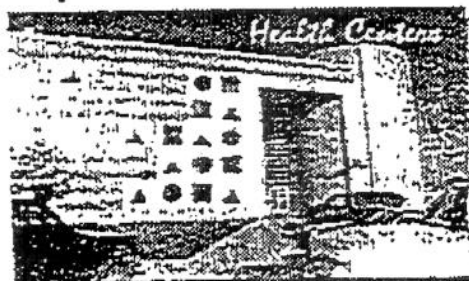


Keeping Houston Healthy

The *Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS)* provides preventive health care for the residents of Houston, treatment for selected diseases and a wide range of environmental health services.

Preventive health services are offered at health centers located throughout Houston. Many health centers offer evening and weekend hours. In addition, HDHHS operates seven multi-service centers containing agencies that offer a variety of programs and services to the people of Houston.



La Nueva Casa 1806 N. Main
(713) 547-8000
Lyons 5602 Lyons
(713) 671-3000
Magnolia 7637 Capitol
(713) 528-9800
Medical Center 1115 E. Braeswood
(713) 794-9640
STD/HIV examination
and counseling

Northside 8522 Arkansas
(713) 696-5500
Riverside 3315 Delano
(713) 284-9600
Southwest 6441 High Star
(713) 773-8200
Sunnyside 9312 Cullen
(713) 732-5000
West End 1201 Heights
(713) 868-3100

Services at Your Area Health Center

AIDS/HIV Prevention

HIV counseling and testing is provided at all health centers. Education and public information about HIV infection are provided through direct service and a hot-line. Other services include case management for HIV infected women, children and/or families and community outreach.

HIV/AIDS Prevention (713) 794-9092

HIV/AIDS Information Hotline (713) 794-9020

Early Intervention Program (713) 794-9660

BabyNet

BabyNet is a telephone assistance service for pregnant women and their children. Prenatal appointments are scheduled; health and social service referrals and patient follow-ups are provided.

BabyNet Helpline (713) 794-9999

Child Health

Well-Child examinations and immunizations for children from birth through five years of age are provided at each health center. Call the health center nearest you for more information.

Dental Services

Dental services are available for low-income children age 1 through 18 years and for Texas Aid to Needy Families recipients age 1 through 20 years. Preventive dental services are provided for enrolled prenatal patients.

(713) 794-9363

Epidemiology

Epidemiology conducts disease investigations and answers questions on communicable disease.

(713) 794-9181

Family Planning

Contraceptive education and services for women of child-bearing age are offered at all health centers except the Southwest Community Center. Services include a complete range of long and short term family planning methods. Call the health center nearest you for more information.

Hansen's Disease

Examination and treatment is provided at the Riverside Health Center.

(713) 284-9600

Health Education

The Health Education Program offers presentations, community outreach and educational programs and materials on personal and community health issues.

(713) 794-9157

Immunizations

Immunizations for infants, children and adults are offered at all HDHHS health centers and at mobile sites throughout the city. Many sites have weekend and/or evening hours. For schedules and locations call (713) 754-9267.

Recorded immunization information

(English) (713) 247-2411

(Spanish) (713) 247-2412

Immunizations for foreign travel (713) 754-9157

Lead Screening

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project provides blood lead testing for children from 6 months to 6 years of age. Community outreach and education, environmental investigation and case management are provided.

(713) 794-9349

Maternity/Prenatal Care

Comprehensive prenatal care for low-risk pregnant women is offered at each health center. Baby Buddy support groups for pregnant women are also at each center.

(713) 794-9995

Nutrition Services

Nutrition Services provides education and counseling on healthy nutrition. Special attention is given to inquiries on nutrition for infants and children.

(713) 794-9292



Sexually-Transmitted Diseases (STD)

Examination, treatment and follow-up for sexually-transmitted diseases including syphilis, gonorrhea, chancroid, LGV, genital herpes, chlamydia and a variety of vaginal infections are offered at six city health centers.

(713) 794-9251

Teen Services

(STD, Maternity, Family Planning)

Family planning sessions devoted exclusively to teens are available at selected HDHHS sites, although teens are welcome at all sites. Contact the health center nearest you for more information.

Tuberculosis

Examination, treatment and follow-up of tuberculosis (TB) cases and contacts is provided at all health centers. Many sites have evening and week hours. Call the nearest health center for more information.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

WIC is a food supplement and nutrition education program for pregnant and post-partum mothers, infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk. Immunizations may be received at no cost during a WIC appointment. There are many WIC centers throughout Houston.

(713) 794-9096

Services for Your Community and Environment

Air Quality

The Bureau of Air Quality Control enforces federal, state and local regulations for air pollution and monitors air throughout the city. Air Quality conducts engineering studies to assist in issuing operating permits and determining compliance by local industry.

Air Quality (Outdoor) (713) 640-4200
(Indoor) (713) 640-4359
Daily Air Pollution Recording (713) 640-4358

Animal Regulation and Care

The Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care (BARC) enforces city ordinances that encourage annual rabies vaccination and licensing of pets and requires that all dogs are confined in a yard or on a leash. BARC investigates animal bites and encourages spaying/ neutering to control the unwanted animal population.

Animal Regulation and Care (713) 238-9600



Area Agency on Aging

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) plans and contracts for services for senior citizens throughout Houston and Harris County. Services include nutrition for the homebound elderly and at 44 senior centers. Other services include respite care and homemaker services, care-giver training, in-home eye screening, legal and transportation services.

(713) 794-9001

Birth and Death Certificates (Vital Statistics)

All births and deaths in Houston are recorded by the office of Vital Statistics. Certified copies of birth and death certificates are provided to qualified individuals for a nominal

fee. Certification of Birth Facts is available for anyone born in Texas during specific years.

Vital Statistics (English) (713) 247-1686
 (Spanish) (713) 247-1555

Consumer Health

Consumer Health licenses food establishments and inspects and monitors food safety in restaurants, grocery stores, meat markets and other retail, wholesale and institutional food establishments. Food service management classes are offered in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and two Chinese dialects. Temporary vendor permits are required for all events where food or drinks are served to the public.

Complaints (713) 794-9400
Food Dealer Inspection (713) 794-9200
Food Handlers Certification Class (713) 794-9240

Laboratory/ Well Water Testing

Water from private wells can be tested by submitting appropriately-collected water samples. (713) 558-3471
Daily pollen/mold spore count (713) 247-5846
For other laboratory services (713) 558-3400

Lead-Based Paint Program

The Lead-Based Paint Program provides testing for lead paint content in family housing and develops effective methods to remove lead hazards from qualifying homes.

(713) 794-9217

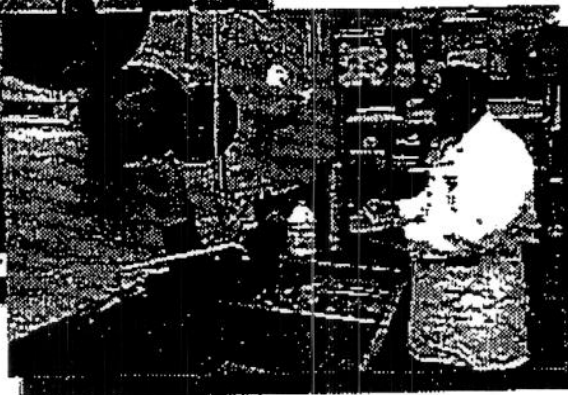
Multi Service Centers

A network of seven community-based multi-service centers (MSC) house a variety of human services for neighborhoods. Most multi-service centers include day care, senior citizen services, employment services, substance abuse counseling, emergency services and family counseling. See back page for locations.

Occupational Health

Occupational Health responds to citizen complaints about indoor air quality in homes, office buildings and other public places. Occupational Health also enforces the city's smoking ordinance.

Indoor Air Quality (713) 640-4359
Smoking Ordinance (713) 640-4359



Public Health Engineering (PHE)

PHE monitors water quality throughout the city and the Lake Houston watersheds. In addition, PHE monitors swimming pools and spas, hazardous wastes sites and responds to citizen complaints concerning water quality and illegal dumping of hazardous liquid and solid wastes.

Lake Houston Pollution (281) 233-2556
Swimming Pools/ Spa Permits (713) 640-4399
Water Pollution (713) 640-4399

Phone Numbers

Multi-Service Centers

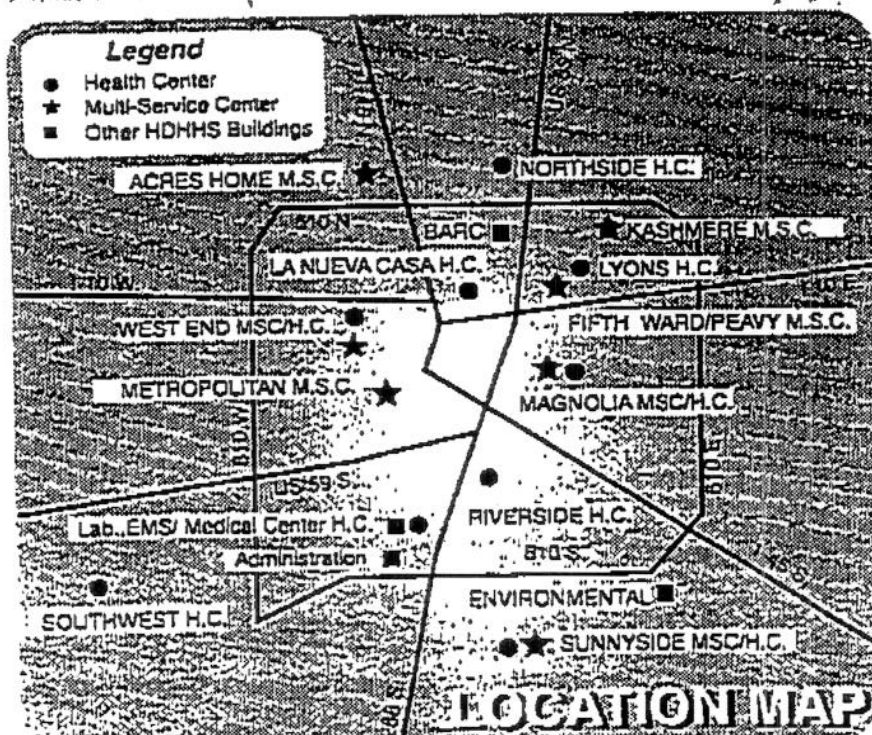
Administration	8000 N. Stadium Dr. (713) 794-9175
Acres Home MSC	8700 W. Montgomery (713) 694-9274
Fifth Ward MSC	4014 Market (713) 238-2248
Kashmere MSC	4802 Lockwood (713) 678-8075
Magnolia MSC	7037 Capitol (713) 928-9515
Metropolitan MSC	1475 West Gray (713) 284-1973
Sunnyside MSC	4605 Wilmington (713) 732-5030
West End MSC	170 Heights (713) 866-4239

Other Useful Numbers

Aging	(713) 794-9001
AIDS HOTLINE	(713) 794-9020
Air Quality	(713) 640-4200
Administrative Support Division	(713) 794-9168
Ambulance Inspections	(713) 558-3500

Animal Regulation and Care (BARC)	(713) 238-9600
BabyNet Helpline	(713) 794-9999
Birth Certificates	
-English Recording	(713) 247-1686
-Spanish Recording	(713) 247-1555
Communicable Disease Division	(713) 794-9261
Consumer Health	(713) 794-9200
Death Certificates	
-English Recording	(713) 247-1686
-Spanish Recording	(713) 247-1555
Dental Bureau	(713) 794-9363
Epidemiology - Disease Reporting	(713) 794-9181
Food Establishment Complaints	(713) 794-9400
Food Inspection Information	(713) 794-9200
Food Manager Class Reservations	(713) 794-9240
General Information, HDHHS	
English	(713) 794-9320
Spanish	(713) 794-9499
Health Education	(713) 794-9157
HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program	(713) 794-9441
HIV Early Intervention Program	(713) 794-9660
HIV Prevention	(713) 794-9092

HIV Info-line	(713) 794-9020
Immunizations	(713) 794-9266
	(713) 794-9267
Immunizations for Foreign Travel	(713) 794-9181
Immunization Information	
English	(713) 247-2411
Spanish	(713) 247-2412
Laboratory Services	(713) 558-3400
Animal Rabies Testing	(713) 558-3467
Pollen/Mold Spore Count	(713) 247-5846
Medical Records	(713) 794-9374
Multi-Service Center Operations	(713) 794-9175
Neighborhood Protection	(713) 525-2525
Nutrition	(713) 794-9292
Occupational Health	(713) 640-4359
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)	(713) 794-9251
Smoking Ordinance	(713) 640-4359
Speakers Bureau	(713) 794-9157
Swimming Pool and Spa Permits	(713) 640-4399
TB Control	(713) 840-8352
Well Water Testing	(713) 558-3471
WIC Administration	(713) 794-9095
WIC Appointments	(713) 794-9090



General Information in English
(713) 794-9390
Información en Español
(713) 794-9499
Information for the Deaf (TDD-TTY)
(713) 794-9969

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